

PRESIDENT JOLLY AT THE GENESEE FEED

Suspects That People Think His Physique Requires Building Up.

DEPEW OFFERED CHEER

President Couldn't Stop to Hear It—Rochester Pleasant Word to Gov. Dix.

The President made his first speech of the night before the members of the Society of the Genesee at the Hotel Knickerbocker. More than 300 folks from up Wadsworth way were reminiscing and having a pretty good time when a roar crescendo originating somewhere near Broadway and Forty-second street announced the approach of the President.

William J. Moran, president of the society, introduced the President at once. Up went the Genesee to their feet and cheered roundly. The President beamed upon them for a minute and nodded recognition to old friends at the front tables. George B. Corliss, John Hedges, Robert C. Morris and others.

"I wonder whether you people in New York do anything else except dine," said Mr. Depew. "Times are hard for a dinner myself, I suppose, as you know. But every time I come to New York I meet up with Brother Corliss or Brother Hedges either in this hotel or some other hotel. And always so gay and so happy, I say."

"The truth is that I never go anywhere nowadays without an invitation to dinner. There is something about my proportions maybe that induces people to invite me or may be dining has become a compromise with me. I am not sure. Laughter. Laughter. Laughter has been essential to the development of a statesman and a good digestion is essential if he is to last," laughed.

"This is, I believe, an association of gentlemen who began as simple farmers in the quiet section of New York and went to the city to spend the money they made by farming. (Applause and laughter.) Now I have never been in Rochester since in crossing the Genesee River there, but whenever I hear Rochester or the Genesee Valley mentioned it always suggests the West worth the name," he said. "The people seem to be a simple farming community, but it strikes me that you are carrying on a little peacock of your own up there. If that became known to the people of New York it might subject you to political ostracism." (Laughter.)

"It is a very pleasant stay here. Examinations will show that the energy and enterprise displayed are due to the country people who move there. Out in Ohio we think that New York is great because of the Ohioans. (Laughter.) I suppose you folks take the same line, and your Genesee Valley New Yorkers. Now I am not here to make a speech, but simply to greet you and hope you will have a very enjoyable evening."

The President turned from his chair and saw ex-Senator Depew. "Well well, chairman! I am glad to see you," said the President, shaking hands heartily.

He talked half a minute to Toastmaster Moran and others and then left with Major Butt and his escort.

The dinner got under full headway only after the President had departed at about 9:30 P. M.

The society named its guest table "Cave Centre—New Court House" and the small tables were designated as part of the "Supreme Court, Special Term." Holding down the civic centre were William J. Moran, president of the society, with President Taft on his right and John G. Dix on his left. Others at the table of honor were Supreme Court Justice Edward J. Garvey, John Ford, Peter A. Hendrick, James W. Gerard and Henry D. Horlick, W. W. Edgeton, the Mayor of Rochester, M. D. Denslow, Major Arnold W. Butcher, Col. Frank Don C. Seitz, Charles D. Hiles and the President's secretary, William Beersmith, Richard B. Alderfer, Jr., Judge William E. Werner of the Court of Appeals, Edson S. Lott and the Bishop of Rochester, the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Hussey.

Sitting at "Special Trial, Part I," were John E. Hedges, John B. Hall, Pierre Brown and Dr. G. H. Gilman among others. At "Part II" were Senator Gerard, James Speyer, J. Stewart Barney and Carl Flanders. "Part III" received Col. Robert C. Morris, Paul W. Ochs, Arthur E. Stillwell and John E. Wallace. At "Part IV," one identified himself as Thomas F. Conway, William R. Wilcox, J. Van Vechten Olcott, Samuel S. Koenig and Justice Abel E. Blackmar.

Elsewhere were Walker P. Himes, Frank L. Hartman, George H. Robinson, John Joseph J. Bryan, Clark McConaughay, Sam Stratton, Terry DeJohn P. Moore, Edward M. Tierney, James M. Hudnut, Col. William C. Church, Collin Armstrong and Charles L. Kingsley. "Part XV" attracted a great deal of attention. Seated there were Louis Wiley, William H. Truesdale, William Hayes, John H. Chapman, Edward F. McNamee, Robert C. Morris, Col. John W. Aragon, John M. Shaw, George B. Corliss, Ralph Peters, Major Ernestus Gulick, William A. Burns, the detective, Samuel Untermyer and E. M. Miller.

The President spoke after the President was former Senator Chittenden. M. Dix was quick and vigorous. The Genesee folks gave Mr. Depew a rousing greeting. After telling them that the valley and Rochester were about the most delightful places in earth, Mr. Depew added:

The natural pride of the Rochester citizens is always delightful. I remember as we stood on the bank of the gorge where the Genesee flows, when it flows, that the local enthusiast said: Here is a gorge finer than Niagara. Here is a waterfall of greater height than Niagara. I would not allude to speed as superior to Niagara if it had water. This reminded me of a story which was told me by that most delightful of wits and raconteurs, the late William M. Evarts. He said that standing at Cape Cod one summer the guests were always complaining of the fishy flavor of the ducks, and the indignant landlord finally said: "Ladies and gentlemen, the taste of duck is a finer duck than the canaryback. Its plumage is handsome, it weighs more, it can fly higher, it can dive deeper and it would be just as good if it could eat the wild olive, but, dammit, it won't eat it."

Then the Senator, looking decidedly on a possessive, domineering, personal side, recalled how at Harvard Greeley's suggestion he had presided at a meeting of progressive Republicans who seemed enthusiastic in their desire to support Mr. Greeley against President Grant.

The meeting was held in the auditorium with the best acoustics in the country, Corinthian Hall. The crowds jammed the streets for blocks. The meeting was presided over by Judge Henry B. Seiden of the Court of Appeals, and the progressive Republicans of the Commonwealth. There were no vice-presidents and no secretaries whom I don't know in every campaign since '56 as the Republican leaders in all the counties in western New York. The meeting was such a phenomenal success that Mr. Greeley's friends secured without trouble the Democratic endorsement for his nomination as liberal Republican in October. North Carolina went Republican in November all of us were moved to the right again. The British, who was elected to that period, was the first progressive movement in the great parties of our country since the organization of the government. History so frequently repeats itself that what happened once is most likely to occur again.

I commend this instance to the cheerful

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on a basis, not of any popular vogue, but upon the eternal laws of God. It is because I feel so deeply the necessity of the situation now, before the bar, that I believe this meeting of the New York association of the bar will have a special significance. It is because you will do your duty as advocates, not only of your clients but of the law, that I had you as brothers and congratulated you on the success of this meeting."

Senator Root then proposed toasts to the President of the United States, to the President of the French Republic, to the King of England and to the Governor of New York State. The toasts were drunk with cheers while appropriate airs were played.

President Taft and his party left the dinner at about 8:30 o'clock and returned home two hours later. Gov. Dix also left and later returned before Senator Root began to speak, although the President took his seat beside the toastmaster.

JUSSERAND ON SIMPLER LAW

Ambassador Jussierand who was greeted with applause when he arose to speak, remarked that a traveller in this country in the course of his travels, indeed, arrived in his message: "The country will become the paradise of lawyers." To hold a paradise within its bounds and keep it in any kind of shape is something any country can be proud of, said the speaker. He believed that the chief thought of lawyers in general judging from the present condition of the legal meetings, "is to make justice more prompt, more accessible, cheaper for all, and especially for the poor; to have simpler and fewer laws written in clearer language."

"I don't know whether it was in order to satisfy the parsons and saints, for him or for a milder judgment, but Napoleon at St. Helena used to say, 'My glory will not consist in having won forty battles but in having promulgated the civil code,'" said the Ambassador. He added that the question of the code is more important now than ever in the world throughout the world," and mentioned the words of the President in his message in 1910 declaring that "one crying need is cheapening judicial procedure and expediting justice."

Concerning this message the Ambassador said:

"The one who wrote this is that learned lawyer, that righteous judge, the President of the United States, and to show that the feeling is general one only need read the message sent last week to the Senate by the President of the United States, Jersey. We feel the same in France, we are confronted in a way with difficulties of the same order, but we are, as you are, fully resolved to fight them."

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